# MINUTES OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION AND APPLIED TECHNOLOGY GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 21, 2008 – 9:00 a.m. – Room C250 State Capitol

**Members Present:** 

Sen. Curtis S. Bramble, Senate Chair

Rep. Kevin S. Garn, House Chair

Sen. Margaret Dayton

Sen. Karen Mayne

Rep. Ron Bigelow

Rep. Lorie D. Fowlke

Rep. James R. Gowens

Rep. Kory M. Holdaway

Rep. Brad King

Rep. Gordon E. Snow

**Members Absent:** 

Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard

**Staff Present:** 

Ms. Allison Nicholson, Policy Analyst

Mr. Dee S Larsen, Associate General Counsel

Ms. Wendy Bangerter, Legislative Secretary

Note: A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

#### 1. Committee Business

Chair Bramble called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. Sen. Hillyard was excused from the meeting.

**MOTION:** Rep. Bigelow moved to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2008 meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Gowans was absent for the vote.

#### 2. Draft Legislation: Career and Technical Education Amendments

Rep. Bigelow gave the Committee an update on the 2009 General Session draft legislation, "Career and Technical Education Amendments." He reported on issues raised during and since the last meeting and addressed changes in the draft distributed in the mailing packet. He also distributed "Proposed Amendments to Career and Technical Education Amendments," listing 13 proposed amendments to the current draft.

Mr. Dee Larsen referred Committee members to sections of the bill where changes had been made since the last meeting, and explained the proposed amendments.

Mr. Tom Bingham, Chair, Utah College of Applied Technology (UCAT), expressed appreciation for the effort put into formulating and drafting the bill, and stated UCAT's agreement with the proposed amendments. He expressed concerns with consistency of tuition costs for non-credit courses taught in the Utah System of Higher Education.

Mr. Mason Bishop, Vice President, Salt Lake Community College (SLCC), expressed SLCC's agreement with seeking a consistent, statewide approach for non-credit tuition costs. He discussed tuition rates at SLCC and UCAT and how rates may be affected by a merger of two institutions.

Dr. William Sederburg, Commissioner, Utah System of Higher Education, raised concerns with the 13th item listed on the proposed amendment document and asked for time to review the impact of that amendment.

Committee discussion followed.

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**MOTION:** Rep. Bigelow moved to adopt 2009 General Session draft legislation, "Career and Technical Education Amendments," as a committee bill, with amendments #1-12 from "Proposed Amendments to Career and Technical Education Amendments," and the following amendment:

Page 3, line 88, after "Regents" insert: "or the chair of the Utah College of Applied Technology Board of Trustees, as applicable."

The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Gowans was absent for the vote.

Rep. Bigelow spoke in favor of holding a General Session committee hearing on this legislation, instead of it being placed directly on a floor calendar.

**MOTION:** Rep. Garn moved to conclude the work of the committee and adjourn the meeting.

Rep. Garn withdrew the motion.

## 3. Introduction of Additional Study Items

### A. Engineering and Computer Science Initiative

Ms. Nicholson gave a brief review and explanation of the Engineering and Computer Science Initiative, referring to the related statutes previously distributed in the mailing packet.

Committee discussion followed.

#### B. Board of Regents and Institutional Boards of Trustees

Mr. Larsen reviewed "Selected Utah Code Sections Related to the Board of Regents and Institutional Boards of Trustees," previously distributed in the mailing packet.

#### C. Concurrent Enrollment

Ms. Nicholson reviewed the concurrent enrollment program, referring to "Selected Utah Code Sections Related to Concurrent Enrollment" and related charts that were previously distributed in the mailing packet.

Committee discussion followed.

## 4. Other Items / Adjourn

**MOTION:** Sen. Dayton moved that the Committee meet again on Nov 11, 2008 and that a working group comprised of Commissioner Sederburg, Rep. Garn, and herself meet prior to that date, to bring recommendations to the Committee.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** Rep. Holdaway moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion failed with Rep. Holdaway voting in favor. Rep. King was absent for the vote.

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The original motion failed with Sen. Bramble, Sen. Dayton, Sen. Mayne, Rep. Garn, and Rep. Bigelow voting in favor and Rep. Fowlke, Rep. Gowans, Rep. Holdaway, and Rep. Snow voting in opposition. Rep. King was absent for the vote.

Committee discussion followed.

**MOTION**: Rep Bigelow moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion failed with Sen. Bramble and Sen. Dayton voting in opposition. Rep. King was absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Rep. Snow moved that the Committee meet on November 11, 2008, primarily to discuss concurrent enrollment. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. King was absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Rep. Bigelow moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. King was absent for the vote.

Chair Bramble adjourned the meeting at 10:43 a.m.